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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

Attn: Mr. Steven Brantley
Office of Petitions
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to Paper No. 6, "DECISION GRANTING PETITION," from the Office of Petitions mailed on August 15, 2002, in the above matter, Applicants note at the outset with appreciation that the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(c) has been granted. This the is the only petition filed in above identified matter, i.e., U.S. Patent Application No. 10/039,311 (the present case). Having received a favorable outcome, no petition fee should have been charged.

The Office has apparently, however, misconstrued part of Applicants' original filing papers, as constituting

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a petition in the present matter, even though such was clearly identified as relating to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/326,168 (the parent case). At no point did the office object to the Declaration in the present mater. No Notice to File Missing Parts was issued, and thus no reason existed for Applicants to have filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in the present matter. The petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) was filed in the parent case, a petition fee paid, and the case passed to substantive examination. The present case, being a continuation, should not require an additional Declaration, or Petition, and no such indication was ever made by the office.

Nonetheless, the misconstruction of the Petition in the parent case as being a Petition in the present case, has somehow given rise not only to a denial of the petition, but an indication that the present case would become abandoned if a response to the denial was not filed - this even though the a petition in the present case was unnecessary, and no objection to the Declaration was ever made!

Applicants provide clarification regarding any petition filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and, accordingly, request withdrawal of said petition and reconsideration of any negative decision thereof. Additionally, Applicant requests a refund of the petition fee, in the amount of \$130.00, paid under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in the present application.

On October 26, 2001, the present non-provisional patent application was properly submitted to the United

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States Patent and Trademark Office with the appropriate application papers including an Invention and Secrecy Agreement (6 pages) and a petition for "Filing on Behalf of Nonsigning Inventor" (9 pages). The proper submission of these items was confirmed with a return postcard received by Applicant on January 30, 2002, submitted herewith.

The petition for "Filing on Behalf of a Nonsigning Inventor" was originally filed with the United Patent and Trademark Office on November 8, 1999 for application serial number 09/326,168, which is the parent of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants properly paid the petition fee of \$130.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(I) for said petition filed at that time.

A photocopy of said petition for "Filing on Behalf of a Nonsigning Inventor" was submitted with the present application merely as evidence that the petition was submitted and granted in the parent application. The photocopy of the petition in the present case was sent so that Joseph E. Dunn would be properly identified as an inventor in the present application. Since this issue was previously broached in the parent case, filing of any such petition in the present case was unnecessary.

In response to the petition filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in the parent case (serial number 09/326,168), a Corrected Filing Receipt and a Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document, copies of which are submitted herewith, were forwarded to our office properly naming Joseph E. Dunn as an inventor.

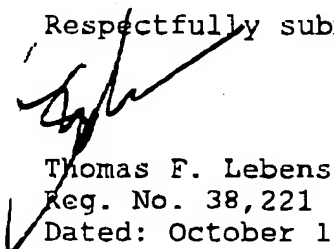
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) in the present application and any negative decision thereof, as well as a refund of petition fees paid for consideration of said petition in the present application. Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests that the Petitions Attorney forward the present application to the Examining Corp as the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e) was decided favorably with respect to the present application, thus the present application should be ready for examination (the issue decided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(e) being the only basis made by the office for any objection to the present application as filed).

Should there remain any outstanding issues it is respectfully requested that the office telephone the undersigned at (858) 587-7644 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: October 15, 2002

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Application Data Sheet (37CFR 1.76),
Specification and 37 claims (62 pages),
Informal drawings (5 sheets),
Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application (5 pages),
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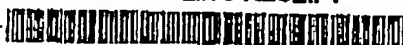
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Title

PARAMETRIC CONTROL IN PULSED LIGHT STERILIZATION

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